

1 clarification.

2 And one is -- I know several times it's been  
3 address- -- I live in Panguitch, by the way, Panguitch,  
4 Utah, and I own a business there called Bronco Bobbi's  
5 and used to own one of the historic homes that are  
6 restored in Panguitch. And I have lived there for 11  
7 years. And I own a historic building presently.

8 It states in the code rules that the Division  
9 consider the impact of hauling coal through Panguitch,  
10 Hatch and Alton.

11 The rules are clear that, in addition to  
12 considering the impact of coal mining and reclamation,  
13 operation to the permit area, the Division must give  
14 equal and full treatment to the adjacent area, the area  
15 outside of the permit area where a resource or resources  
16 determined according to the context in which adjacent  
17 area issues are or reasonably could be expected to be  
18 adversely impacted by the proposed coal mine.

19 And I think you all know the Utah state rules  
20 to that, but if you want me to quote those, I will.  
21 It's Rule 645-301-411.140. And also economics of the  
22 adjacent area is Rule 645-301-411.130.

23 I know that even the Utah State Historic  
24 Preservation Officer and other people have requested  
25 from the Division that this be addressed in the C.R.M.P.

1 hunting activities and over 542 million in  
2 wildlife-viewing activities.

3 And that activity continues to increase each  
4 and every year, and we see more and more of that around  
5 Bryce Canyon.

6 Also I've heard for years -- I don't hunt, but  
7 the people in Alton live in probably one of the prime  
8 hunting areas, the Paunsaugunt Plateau. Everyone prays  
9 to the hunting gods that they get to draw a permit to  
10 hunt here. So I think that needs to be taken into  
11 consideration.

12 I also think we need to look at what happened  
13 with Salina Creek and the coal dust and the poisoning of  
14 that creek.

15 What will happen to the Sevier River, Mammoth  
16 and Asay Creeks? Will we have that same situation  
17 happen there?

18 Many of us draw off of those waters for our  
19 wells, the aquifers from there. Will that poison our  
20 water? Will we be in a position where we have to drink  
21 bottled water, that we no longer can use the wonderful  
22 well water that we enjoy today?

23 Last year over 30,000 -- 30,000 people came to  
24 Bryce Canyon just to see the night skies. How  
25 phenomenal are they? They're just absolutely beautiful.

1 and in other analysis of this permitting.

2 And, to date, I don't believe any of that has  
3 been done, and that is one of my questions is why? Has  
4 this fallen on deaf ears or are we going to have that  
5 study done?

6 The other thing is that several responses were  
7 sent to the Division regarding the impact of the coal  
8 mine on local economy and businesses in Garfield County.

9 Panguitch, as you know, recently received the  
10 designation of a National Historic District in 2006, and  
11 we have -- we continually see visitors come to Panguitch  
12 and come along Highway 89 because they no longer want to  
13 do the Interstate.

14 They want to visit the small towns, the small  
15 communities, the small roads, see the beauty. And what  
16 more beautiful place than Southern Utah? I mean, we're  
17 very, very fortunate to get to live here.

18 Representative Mike Morrell, I don't know if  
19 he's here. He made a comment in his -- in his memo  
20 that -- or his e-mail that \$150 million in mineral  
21 royalties come to the state.

22 But I didn't know if he also studied and  
23 realized that over \$376 million come in fishing  
24 activities -- and we used to, by the way, own Panguitch  
25 Anglers and fly-fishing business -- 274 million in

1 It's a -- my -- my question, if this mining  
2 activity goes for 24 hours a day, and trucks are  
3 traversing in and out of Alton every three to five  
4 minutes, plus the lights for the mine, what is that  
5 going to do to the night skies?

6 I don't think that -- from what I've read  
7 under the C.R.M.P., I don't think adequate studies have  
8 been done on that, and I think we need to do more  
9 studies on it.

10 I'm almost finished.

11 The water situation, the slurry ponds. Right  
12 now, we know that Iowa has experienced the second  
13 500-year flood in 75 years. It's a terrible situation.

14 We have 100-year floods here that seem to come  
15 every 10 years. How is that being addressed? How are  
16 we going to handle that, once walls of water come down  
17 and go into those slurry ponds that are going to go into  
18 Kanab Creek and the other creeks, Robinson Creek, and  
19 other creeks are going to be impacted and affected by  
20 that.

21 Commissioner Hapshaw figures the Heritage  
22 Highway includes logging and mining, which is true.  
23 That was a wonderful heritage industry.

24 But that was before we had national parks.  
25 That's before we had the Europeans and the Asians coming